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SUMMARY: AT SPRING CCMS PLENARY FORMAT CHANGES FACILITATED
LIVELY ROUNDTABLE EXCHANGE BY URBAN EXPERTS ON INNER CITY
ISSUES AND ALLOWED DELEGATION PRINCIPALS TO FOCUS ON
SUBSTANTIVE POLICY QUESTIONS. IN HIS OPENING REMARKS SYG
LUNS URGED CAREFUL REVIEW OF PROPOSALS FOR NEW CCMS
ACTIVITIES. CONSENSUS EMERGED ON PLANS FOR FALL PLENARY,
WITH REPORT OF SCIENCE COMMITTEE'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY
CONFERENCE AND AN INTEGRATED PRESENTATION OF US-LED ENERGY
PROJECT FINAL REPORTS SERVING AS STARTING POINT FOR CON-
SIDERATION OF BROAD AREAS FOR THE FUTURE CCMS WORK PROGRAM.
DELEGATIONS ACCEPTED ASYG OZDAS' SUGGESTION FOR A CO-
ORDINATORS' MEETING THIS SUMMER TO REVIEW A NUMBER OF MORE
SPECIFIC PILOT STUDY PROPOSALS. END SUMMARY.

1. US EXPERTS WORTHY AND GARRISON (HUD) JOINED ALLIED
COLLEAGUES AND DELEGATION HEADS IN A LIVELY ROUNDTABLE
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ON "PROBLEMS OF INNER CITY AREAS" (DETAILS SEPTTEL). THE
DISCUSSION WAS MARKED BY DIRECT EXCHANGES, QUESTIONS AND
CRITIQUES. NATIONAL BACKGROUND PAPERS WILL BE PUBLISHED
IN THE CCMS DOCUMENT SERIES.

2. ROUNDTABLE RECEIVED ADDITIONAL EMPHASIS BECAUSE OF
MODIFICATIONS OF PLENARY FORMAT WHICH ALLOWED NATIONAL

COORDINATORS TO HANDLE ROUTINE BUSINESS IN A PREPARATORY MEETING ON THE DAY PRIOR TO ROUNDTABLE SESSION, LEAVING PRINCIPALS FREE TO CONCENTRATE ON SIGNIFICANT ACTION ITEMS. ALLIED REPS WERE GENERALLY PLEASED WITH THE STREAMLINED FORMAT WHICH WILL BE REPEATED AT THE FALL PLENARY.

3. THE COMMITTEE APPROVED TWO NEW PILOT STUDIES--ONE ON SEISMOLOGY (TO BE LED BY ITALY) AND THE OTHER ON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES. THE US, PILOT COUNTRY FOR THE SECOND PROJECT, PLANS AN APRIL EXPERTS MEETING TO DEVELOP A DETAILED WORK PROGRAM BEFORE THE PROPOSAL IS FORWARDED TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL. IN PRESENTING THE FOLLOW-UP REPORT ON URBAN TRANSPORTATION, THE US ALSO CALLED FOR A MAY MEETING OF EXPERTS IN THAT FIELD TO ASSESS POSSIBILITIES FOR NEW TRANSPORTATION PILOT STUDIES. UK OFFERED TO HOST THE MEETING IN LONDON.

4. IN LIGHT OF SYG LUNS' CALL FOR CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF NEW PROJECTS TO REPLACE THE SIX SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION THIS YEAR, SEVERAL DELEGATIONS PRESENTED OTHER TENTATIVE PILOT STUDY AREAS. A FRENCH SUGGESTION INVOLVED TECHNIQUES FOR ESTIMATING AND COLLECTING DATA ON WATER RESOURCES. (TEXT OF PROPOSAL TO BE SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT.) US CIRCULATED THE PROJECT IDEAS OUTLINED IN STATE 61551. NORWAY CALLED FOR CONSIDERATION OF FURTHER WORK ON LAND-BASED SOURCES OF MARINE POLLUTION AND OZONE DEPLETION. THE SUMMER
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COORDINATORS MEETING AND FALL PLENARY WILL CONSIDER THESE PROPOSALS IN GREATER DETAIL.

5. COMMENT: ALLIED DELEGATIONS GENERALLY AGREED THAT CHANGES IN PLENARY FORMAT PROVED EFFECTIVE IN MINIMIZING TIME SPENT ON ROUTINE BUSINESS AND FOCUSING PLENARY APPROPRIATELY ON ROUNDTABLE AND POLICY MATTERS. REPS CONSIDERED INCLUSION OF EXPERTS AND PRIOR CIRCULATION OF PAPERS KEY FACTORS IN SUCCESS OF ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION-MANY BELIEVED IT THE MOST ACTIVE AND FREEST EXCHANGE OF VIEWS CCMS HAS YET ACHIEVED. OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE WAS ATTENTION PAID TO DEVELOPMENT OF FUTURE CCMS WORK PROGRAM. IN OUR VIEW, THIS REFLECTS SIGNIFICANCE OF EXPERTS PILOT STUDY WORK AND ITS RELEVANCE TO POLICY-ORIENTED CONCERNS OF PRINCIPALS IN THE PLENARY SESSIONS. END COMMENT. BENNETT

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